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NOTIFICATION RELATING TO PRIORITY CLAIM

(PCT Rules 26bis.1 and 26bis.2 and  
Administrative Instructions, Sections 402(c) and 409)

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Applicant

NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION et al

The applicant is hereby notified of the following in respect of the priority claim(s) made in the international application.

1.  **Correction of priority claim.** In accordance with the applicant's notice received on: , the following priority claim has been corrected, according to paragraph 176 of the PCT Receiving Guidelines where application, to read as follows:

- even though the indication of the number of the earlier application is missing.
- even though the following indication in the priority claim is not the same as the corresponding indication appearing in the priority document:

2.  **Addition of priority claim.** In accordance with the applicant's notice received on: 13 December 2004 (13.12.2004), the following priority claim has been added:

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- even though the indication of the number of the earlier application is missing.
- even though the following indication in the priority claim is not the same as the corresponding indication appearing in the priority document:

3.  As a result of the correction and/or addition of (a) priority claim(s) under items 1 and/or 2, the (earliest) priority date is:

4.  **Priority claim considered not to have been made.**

- The applicant failed to respond to the Invitation under Rule 26bis.2(a) (Form PCT/I/B/316) within the prescribed time limit.
- The applicant's notice was received after the expiration of the prescribed time limit under Rule 26bis.1(a).
- The applicant's notice failed to correct the priority claim so as to comply with the requirements of Rule 4.10.

The applicant may, before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed and subject to the payment of a fee, request the International Bureau to publish, together with the international application, Information concerning the priority claim. See Rule 26bis.2(c) and the PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume I, Annex B2(I/B).

5.  **Where multiple priorities have been claimed, the above item(s) relate(s) to the following priority claim(s):**

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6. A copy of this notification has been sent to the receiving Office and

- to the International Searching Authority (where the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have not yet been issued).
- the designated Offices (in accordance with Rule 93bis).

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